GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:402
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2002
SALE OF LIVE ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government permit private organisations/individuals to sell live wild animals like Elephant, Tiger, Lion, Deer, Hippo and Rhino to renowned Zoos or National Parks abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the sale of these animals requires any fulfilment of terms and conditions by both parties viz. seller and purchaser;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the complete list of animals that were sold/donated during the last five years and thereafter from India to various parts of the world?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.402 FOR REPLY ON 12.8.2002 REGARDING SALE OF LIVE ANIMALS.

(a)&(b) According to the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, no zoo can acquire or transfer Elephant, Tiger, Lion, Rhino and deer of species included in Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act without permission of the Central Zoo Authority.

However, Hippo is not included in any of the Schedule of Wild Life (Protection) Act and hence the restrictions provided under the Act are not applicable to it.

(c),(d)&(e) Central Zoo Authority allows sale/ exchange of animals between recognized zoos. Export of animals from zoos in India to zoos abroad is permitted after getting necessary approvals of the Government. However, before approving such proposals, the credentials of the zoo and status of animal facilities that exist there are also ascertained. The list of animals that have been sent to zoos abroad is at Annexure. Before allowing the transfer of animals from one zoo to another, it is ensured that the receiving zoo has appropriate housing and health care facilities for the animals being received by them.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) of the LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 402 DUE FOR ANSWE 12.8.2002

Animals sent to zoos abroad during the last five years

Year	Name of the Indian Zoo	Animals sent	Number	Recipient Foreign Zoo
1997-98	Nandankanan Biological Park	Tiger Bengal	4	Wonderland Zoo , Malaysia
1997-98	Sri Chamarajendra Zoo, Mysore	Bonnet Macaque	5	Carl Hagenbeck Zoo, Germany
1997-98	VJB Udyan Zoo, Mumbai	Asiatic Lion	3	Yokhohama Zoo, Japan
1997-99	VJB Udyan Zoo, Mumbai	Elephant	4	Yokhohama Zoo, Japan
1997-98	Alipore Zoo, Kolkata	Elephant	1	Twycross Zoo, U.K.
1998-99	Nandankanan Biological Park	Elephant	1	Izmir Zoo, Turkey
1998-99	Sri Chamarajendra Zoo, Mysore	Common Langur	10	Serengeti Safari Park, Germany
1998-99	Sri Chamarajendra Zoo, Mysore	Elephant	1	Gifted to President of Sri Lanka
99-2000	Nandankanan Biological Park	Sloth Bear	2	Leipzig Zoo, Germany
2000-01	Arignar Anna Zoo, Chennai	Jackal	4	Singapore Zoo, Singapore
2000-01	Arignar Anna Zoo, Chennai	Spoonbill	2	Singapore Zoo, Singapore
2000-01	National Zoological Park, Delhi	Peacock	2	Dhaka Zoo, Bangladesh
2000-01	Assam State Zoo, Guwahati	Elephant	1	Ueno Zoo, Japan
2000-01	M.C.Zoological Park, Chatt Bir, Punjab	Tiger Bengal	2	Tripoli Zoo, Libya

Total 42

Note:
(i) 1 captive bred elephant from elephant camp Kaziranga Assam was sent to Ichihara Elephant Kingdom, Japan.

(ii) 1 captive bred elephant from elephant camp Jaldapara West Bengal was gifted to King of Morocco.